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SUBJECT: ECONADS: EFFECT OF PRICE CHANGES ON ALLIED
DEFENSE EXPENDITURES

OSD/ISA FOR W. GEORGE; USDOC FOR CHARLES WAITE

REF: STATE 111503(DTG 151431Z MAY 77)

1. ECONADS CHAIRMAN BILLY MOST APPRECIATED
DEFINITIONS PROVIDED REFTEL AND, ON THAT BASIS,
WILL SOON ISSUE REVISED "US" PAPER. WE HAVE POUCHED
TO RPE-SWARTZ COPIES OF SIMILAR PAPERS ON CANADA, ITALY.
2. AS REPORTED SEPTEL MAY 18 ECONADS MEETING WAS SHORT-
ENED BECAUSE MANY MEMBERS WERE INVOLVED IN THEIR
MISSIONS' DPC MINISTERIAL ACTIVITIES, AND HENCE
THERE WAS NO DISCUSSION OF SCHEDULING OF NEXT
EXPERTS' MEETING ON EFFECT OF PRICE CHANGES.
PRIVATELY, HOWEVER, BILLY ASKED THAT US AGREE TO A JUNE
MEETING (IN SPITE OF WAITE'S OTHER COMMITMENTS)
BECAUSE DURING SEPTEMBER ECONOMIC DIRECTORATE WILL
BE INVOLVED IN DRAFTING OF COUNTRY CHAPTERS FOR 1977
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DPQ EXERCISE, AND BECAUSE THEY WOULD WANT TO HAVE THE
BENEFIT OF THE EXPERTS DISCUSSION IN ADVANCE OF SUCH
DRAFTING, BILLY DID USE THE MAY 18 MEETING TO PRESS
OTHERS CONCERNED FOR EARLY SUBMISSION OF NATIONAL DATA,
POINTING OUT THE IMPORTANCE THE MAY 18 DPQ MINISTERIAL
COMMUNIQUE GAVE TO THE CALL FOR REAL INCREASES IN
DEFENSE EXPENDITURES OVER AND ABOVE NOMINAL

INCREASES REQUIRED BY INFLATION. ERGO, NEED FOR
PROGRESS IN THE ECONADS PROJECT WAS INFORCED.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: RECONSIDERATION OF TIMING
REQUESTED PARA 3, REFTTEL. WE WOULD APPRECIATE
RECONFIRMATION OF JUNE 23 DATE PREVIOUSLY SUGGESTED
BY DEPARTMENT. BENNETT

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